THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OFTEXTILEXS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a)Yes Sir.

(b) A Weaver's Service at Cannonarc for Kerala State provides, technology upgradation services alongwith other services to the handloom weavers.

Sick Textile Units in Maharashtra

4864. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister ofTEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised New National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names & number of sick/chronically sick textile units in Maharashtra as on 31.3.2000;

(d) the details of decision taken for final closure of sick mills/revival of potentially viable textile units-names thereof along with details; of modernisation plan finalished unit wise estimated cost thereof;

(e) the details of follow-up action plan for 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) and (b) New Textile Policy is likley to be finalised shortly.

(c) As on 9.9.99, a total of 82 Textile Units in the State of Maharashtra have been registered with the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(d) and (e) Government of India have enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, SICA, 1985 and established the BIFR with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken i^respect of such companies. The rehabilitation schmes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

Appointment of Special Officers on District Basis

4865. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister ofTEXTILES be pleased to state: